

Senate Bill 285 (Act 856) Effective date August 15, 2008

- Gives notaries authority to make certified copies of acts passed before them and certify such copies as true copies of the original document.
- Mandates notaries read, write, speak, and is sufficiently knowledgeable of the English language.
- Mandates notaries not be under interdiction or incapable of serving as a notary because of mental infirmity.
- Qualifying application will be administered by the Secretary of State and abolishes the Parish Application Committees in each parish.
 - Application shall require the applicant attest to his good moral character, integrity, and sober habits.
 - Eliminates the certificate of competency from the district court judge unless the applicant's responses on the qualifying application call in to question the applicant's good moral character, integrity, and sober habits.
 - Application requires a sworn statement of the applicant declaring the information provided is true and correct.
 - Qualifying application fee is \$35.
 - Deadline for qualifying application to be 60 days prior to the examination.
- Examination Registration no longer requires the Parish Application Committee approval.
- Examination shall not be required of applicants licensed to practice law in Louisiana or validly appointed Louisiana notaries seeking dual commission, parish change after being commissioned for 5 years or parish change after having taken the state examination.
- Notary commissions deemed valid for 60 days after residence is moved to a new parish and prior to notary applying for commission in parish of residence.
- Notification of change of address required within 60 days of change.
- Commissions that require advice and consent of the Senate are deemed interim appointments until Senate confirmation.
- Failure of the Senate to confirm the appointment shall constitute a rejection of the appointment and the interim appointment shall be terminate.
- Provisions for termination due to qualifications not being met prior to and after senate confirmation.